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AND IMAGE DOWN-LOADING METHOD

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SIR:

Please enter this Preliminary Amendment in the above-identified application before continued examination on the merits. A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is being filed concurrently herewith. The accompanying RCE and the instant Preliminary Amendment are being filed in response to the final Office Action mailed June 1, 2004.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 21 of this paper.

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